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Opening Date for Mystery Bank Box

Hudson, Wis.

A safe deposit box that may contain property of a dead Greyhound bus driver from Hayward, Calif., will be opened here on February 7.

Superior Court Judge Joseph W. Hughes of St. Croix county ruled yesterday, in response to a petition filed in behalf of Greyhound Bus Lines, that the mysterious box could be opened.

The box is held in the name of one W. B. Lee, who has purportedly denied knowing the dead driver, Douglas Fay Moore, 26.

Moore and 12 of his Greyhound passengers were killed near Sacramento on November 3, 1973 when their "gamblers' special" hit a concrete pillar.

Judge Hughes ruled that Moore's sister, Joyce McGowan of Hayward, and a representative of the Sacramento county coroner's office could be present when the safe deposit box in the Hudson First National Bank is opened.

Barry Williams, Mrs. McGowan's attorney, has said that as far as he knows Moore did not know Lee.

A spokesman for Greyhound, however, has claimed the bus line has received information that "a thick brown envelope" belonging to Moore is cached in Lee's safe deposit box.

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